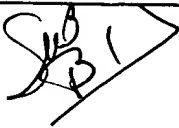



In the Claims


Please cancel claims 18-31, and substitute the following amended claims for the pending claims having the same number:

 Claim 1. An investment machine for public use and display, the investment machine comprising:

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- a. a housing;
 - b. a display at least partially enclosed by the housing and viewable by an investor adjacent to the housing;
 - c. an investor identifier at least partially enclosed within the housing and configured to receive a unique identifier from the investor;
 - d. a money receiver at least partially enclosed within the housing and configured to receive and identify money to be invested; and
 - e. a processor at least partially enclosed within the housing and configured to receive input from the investor and to transmit a signal representative of the input for use in investing at least a portion of the money in association with the unique identifier received from the investor.

Please add the following new claims:

Claim 32. A method of investing money using an investment machine, the method comprising:

 inputting a unique identifier into an investment machine;
placing at least one of a coin and a bill to be invested into the investment machine; and
selecting a current investment preference option at the investment machine.

Claim 33. The method of claim 32, further comprising receiving an investment report from the investment machine.

Claim 34. The method of claim 32, wherein selecting a current investment preference option at the investment machine comprises providing at least one of an indication that an investment option provided by the processor is preferred and an indication that a preselected investment option is preferred.

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Claim 35. An investment machine for public use and display, the investment machine comprising:

a housing;

a display at least partially enclosed by the housing and viewable by an investor adjacent to the housing;

an investor identifier at least partially enclosed within the housing and configured to receive a unique identifier from the investor;

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at least one of a coin receiver and a bill receiver at least partially enclosed within the housing and configured to receive and identify money to be invested; and

a processor at least partially enclosed within the housing and configured to receive input from the investor identifier and to transmit a signal representative of the input for use in investing at least a portion of the money in association with the unique identifier received from the investor.

Claim 36. The investment machine of claim 35, further comprising an investment selector interface configured to receive an investment preference from the investor and transmit the investment preference to the processor.

Claim 37. The investment machine of claim 36, wherein the investment selection interface includes at least one of a touch screen display, a touch sensitive surface, and a button.

Claim 38. The investment machine of claim 36, wherein the investment selector is configured to receive the investment preference from the investor at substantially the same time as the money receiver receives and identifies the money to be invested.

Claim 39. The investment machine of claim 35, further comprising a network communication connection coupled to the processor, the network communication connection configured to couple the processor of the investment machine to a central processor configured to store and coordinate investments made at each of a plurality of investment machines.

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Claim 40. The investment machine of claim 39, wherein the network communication connection is further configured to couple the processor of the investment machine to the central processor at substantially the same time as the investor identifier receives the unique identifier from the investor.

Claim 41. The investment machine of claim 35, wherein the display is configured to display at least one of investment information, advertising information, and account information.

Claim 42. The investment machine of claim 41, wherein the advertising information is selected on the basis of one or more of an investor's investment activities, an investor's personal information, a location at which the investment machine is located and an identity of a sponsor of the investment machine.

Claim 43. The investment machine of claim 41, wherein the advertising information is one or more of an informational presentation, a tutorial, a news story, and other information relating to a particular company or its product in which an investor may desire to invest.